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SUBJ: EUROGROUP MINISTERIAL MEETING MAY 2, 1975: COMMUNIQUE

ON MAY 9, MISSION OBTAINED FROM UKNATO A COPY OF COMMUNIQUE
ISSUED BY EUROGROUP MINISTERS FOLLOWING THEIR MEETING IN LONDON
ON MAY 7.

BEGIN TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE:

THE EUROGROUP MET IN MINISTERIAL SESSION IN LONDON ON
7TH MAY 1975. UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR ROY MASON, UNITED
KINGDOM SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE.

2. MINISTERS DISCUSSED A GENERAL REPORT SUBMITTED TO THEM
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ON THE OBJECTIVES AND METHODS OF WORK OF THE EUROGROUP SUB-
GROUPS (1). IN THIS CONNECTION, THEY AGREED THAT THESE
GROUPS ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN FURTHERING THE ROLE OF
THE EUROGROUP IN DEVELOPING A STRONG AND COHESIVE EUROPEAN

CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMON DEFENCE OF THE WHOLE ALLIANCE;
AND THEY CONFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO PLAY
A PERSONAL ROLE IN DIRECTING AND STIMULATING THE WORK OF
THE GROUPS ON INDIVIDUAL ISSUES.

3. MINISTERS ALSO RECEIVED ORAL REPORTS FROM THE BELGIAN,
GERMAN, NETHERLANDS AND UNITED KINGDOM DEFENCE MINISTERS
ON THE RECENT WORK OF EACH OF THE SUB-GROUPS CHAIRED BY
THEIR COUNTRIES. THEY TOOK NOTE WITH GREAT INTEREST OF
THE WORK IN HAND IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS UNDER STUDY; AND
PROPOSED A NUMBER OF IDEAS FOR FURTHER WORK. THEY
WELCOMED IN PARTICULAR:-

A. THE AGREEMENT ON OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS THAT HAS BEEN
ACHIEVED IN EUROCOM, WHICH WILL ENSURE INTEROPERABILITY
BETWEEN FUTURE TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS OF THE LAND
FORCES OF THE EUROGROUP NATIONS; AND

B. THE PROGRESS MADE BY EUROLONGTERM IN DEVELOPING AGREED
TACTICAL CONCEPTS AS A BASIS FOR DRAWING UP THE OPERATIONAL
REQUIREMENTS OF FUTURE WEAPONS SYSTEMS.

4. TO COMPLEMENT THE EXISTING EUROGROUP PRINCIPLES OF
CO-OPERATION IN EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING, MINISTERS SIGNED
A DECLARATION ON PRINCIPLES OF CO-OPERATION IN LOGISTICS
(TEXT ATTACHED AT ANNEX) AND AGREED TO ACT IN COMPLIANCE
WITH THESE PRINCIPLES IN THEIR FUTURE LOGISTIC PLANNING.
THEY STRESSED THAT CLOSER COLLABORATION IN LOGISTIC SUPPORT
SHOULD ENABLE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE EUROGROUP TO MAKE MORE
EFFECTIVE USE OF THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE AND TO PROMOTE
INCREASED CO-OPERATION IN THIS IMPORTANT FIELD OF COMMON
CONCERN. IN THIS CONTEXT, MINISTERS WELCOMED THE SIGNATURE
BY THE MINISTERS OF DEFENCE OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE
UNITED KINGDOM OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON A COMMON
PROJECT FOR MARINE GAS TURBINE ENGINES.

(1) EUROCOM: BATTLEFIELD COMMUNITATIONS
EUROLOG: LOGISTIC CO-OPERATION
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EUROLONGERM: LONG-TERM PLANNING
EUROMED: MEDICAL SERVICES
EURONAD: EQUIPMENT COLLABORATION
EUROSTRUCTURE: FORCE STRUCTURE
EUROTRAINING: JOINT TRAINING

5. MINISTERS HAD A FULL AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON
A WIDE RANGE OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE RESEARCH,
DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT. THEY
REVIEWED THE WORK IN HAND TO EXTEND THE INFORMATION
AVAILABLE ON MEMBER COUNTRIES' EQUIPMENT PLANS AND
PROGRAMMES; AND THEY UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH

THEY ATTACH TO MAINTAINING A STRONG EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGICAL AND INDUSTRIAL BASE IN THE DEFENCE FIELD AND TO INCREASING THE DEGREE OF STANDARDISATION IN DEFENCE EQUIPMENT. MINISTERS ALSO AGREED ON THE NEED TO DEVELOP A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES ON THESE MATTERS; THIS DIALOGUE WILL BE PREPARED BY VERY WIDE CONSULTATION BETWEEN ALL THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

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6. MINISTERS TOOK NOTE WITH INTEREST OF A STATEMENT BY THE NORWEGIAN MINISTER OF DEFENCE ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN BELGIUM, DENMARK, THE NETHERLANDS AND NORWAY ON THE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE F104G AND OTHER AIRCRAFT.

7. MINISTERS CONCLUDED WITH AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE MAJOR ISSUES CURRENTLY AFFECTING THE DEFENCE OF NATO EUROPE IN PREPARATION FOR THE FORTHCOMING NATO MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. THEY AGREED THAT THE EUROGROUP CONTINUES TO PROVIDE A MOST IMPORTANT FORUM FOR DEVELOPING CO-OPERATION AND COLLABORATION AMONG ITS MEMBERS IN THE ALLIANCE FRAMEWORK; AND THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR THE EUROGROUP AND ITS WORK TO THIS END.

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DECLARATION ON EUROGROUP PRINCIPLES OF
CO-OPERATION IN LOGISTICS

THE MINISTERS OF DEFENCE OF BELGIUM, DENMARK, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, TURKEY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM:

DESIRING TO ACHIEVE A GREATER MEASURE OF COLLABORATION IN LOGISTIC SUPPORT AMONG EUROPEAN MEMBER STATES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE;

ANXIOUS TO MAKE OPTIMUM USE OF THEIR LOGISTIC RESOURCES:

ON 7 MAY 1975 ADOPTED THE PRINCIPLES OF CO-OPERATION IN LOGISTICS SET OUT IN THE ANNEX HEREWITH AS A BASIS FOR COMMON ACTION.

MINISTERS CONFIRM THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT EACH WILL:

-ACT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THESE PRINCIPLES:

-DISSEMINATE THEM WITHIN HIS NATIONAL DEFENCE MINISTRY:

-INSTRUCT ALL THOSE OF HIS STAFFS WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOGISTICS TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE PRINCIPLES.

EUROGROUP PRINCIPLES OF CO-OPERATION IN LOGISTICS

I. OBJECTIVES

1. ONE OF THE IMPORTANT OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF THE EUROGROUP IS TO INCREASE CO-OPERATION IN DEFENCE AMONG MEMBER NATIONS. THE FIELD OF LOGISTICS IS ONE IN WHICH THERE IS SCOPE FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF THIS KIND. ALTHOUGH THE PROVISION OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR NATO-ASSIGNED FORCES IS AT PRESENT A NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, CLOSER COLLABORATION IN LOGISTIC SUPPORT WILL ENABLE MEMBER COUNTRIES WHOSE FORCES ARE DEPLOYED IN THE SAME AREA WITH SIMILAR OR COMPLEMENTARY OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO MAKE MORE EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL USE OF THEIR LOGISTIC RESOURCES.

2. THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE IS TO ACHIEVE THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE INTEGRATION OF LOGISTICS SYSTEMS AMONG EUROGROUP MEMBERS IN RESPECT OF THE FORCES THEY ASSIGN TO NATO. THIS IS, HOWEVER, DEPENDENT ON FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FINANCING THOSE LOGISTICS SYSTEMS AND FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT: AND ALSO ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF MUCH GREATER STANDARDI-

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ZATION OF WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT THAN EXISTS AT PRESENT. IN THE MEANTIME, WORTHWHILE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE OBJECTIVE CAN BE MADE BY DEVELOPING CO-OPERATIVE LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS AND CO-ORDINATED PROCEDURES WHEREVER THE OPPORTUNITY EXISTS AND GREATER EFFICIENCY AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS WOULD RESULT.

II. PRINCIPLES

3. THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT:

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A. NEW COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS FOR WEAPONS SYTEMS AND MAJOR EQUIPMENTS. PRACTICAL POSSIBILITIES OF COLLABORATION IN SUPPORT OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS FND MAJOR EQUIPMENTS (EG, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND SPARES PROVISIONING) ARE LIMITED BY THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENTS AT PRESENT USED BY THE MEMBER COUNTRIES. A MAJOR EFFORT IS NOW BEING MADE BY EUROGROUP COUNTRIES THROUGH THE WORK OF EURONAD TO PROMOTE STANDARDIZATION OF NEW WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT BY MEANS OF COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS. MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY AGREED IN THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUIPMENT COLLABORATION THAT THE REQUIREMENT TO ATTEMPT TO EVOLVE CO-ORDINATED ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOLLOW-ON SUPPORT SHOULD BE AN AUTOMATIC ACCOMPANIMENT OF ANY COLLABORATIVE PROCUREMENT PROJECT. EUROLOG WILL WORK WITH THE RELEVANT AGENCIES TO SATISFY THEMSELVES THAT

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APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE IN EACH CASE.

B. OTHER NEW EQUIPMENT PROJECTS. MEMBER COUNTRIES AGREE THAT A SIMILAR EFFORT TO EVOLVE CO-ORDINATED ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOLLOW-ON SUPPORT SHOULD BE MADE WHEN ANY NEW WEAPON OR EQUIPMENT IS UNDER CONSIDERATION OR ADOPTED BY TWO OR MORE COUNTRIES, WHETHER OR NOT THE PARTICULAR ITEM IS CATEGORIZED AS A COLLABORATIVE PROCUREMENT PROJECT.

C. EXISTING WEAPONS OR EQUIPMENTS. MEMBER COUNTRIES AGREE THAT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF CO-OPERATION IN THE LOGISTIC SUPPORT OF EXISTING WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENTS USED BY MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY WHICH ARE NOT ALREADY THE SUBJECT OF CO-OPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

D. HARMONIZATION OF LOGISTIC PROCEDURES. MEMBER COUNTRIES AGREE THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO HARMONIZE/STANDARDIZE LOGISTIC PROCEDURES WITH THE OBJECT OF ACHIEVING INCREASED FLEXIBILITY IN LOGISTIC SUPPORT.

E. FUTURE LOGISTIC PLANNING. MEMBER COUNTRIES AGREE THAT THEY SHOULD EXCHANGE INFORMATION REGULARLY ABOUT LOGISTICS, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON PLANNED LOGISTIC PROJECTS, WITH THE GENERAL AIM OF ENABLING OTHERS TO JOIN IN SUCH PROJECTS IF THIS WOULD BE OF ADVANTAGE. THEY AGREE ALSO THAT THERE SHOULD BE A REGULAR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON THE EVALUATION OF NATIONAL LOGISTIC CONCEPTS.

III METHOD OF IMPLEMENTATION

4. RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PRINCIPLES LIES WITH EUROGROUP COUNTRIES, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF EUROGROUP MINISTERS. THE SUB-GROUP ESTABLISHED IN THE FIELD OF LOGISTICS (EUROLOG) HAS SO FAR DEVOTED ITS MAIN EFFORTS TO EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITIES OF LOGISTIC CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE LAND FORCES IN THE NORTHERN ARMY GROUP, BETWEEN THE AIR FORCES IN THE SECOND ALLIED TACTICAL AIR FORCE AND BETWEEN THE NAVIES WHICH OPERATE IN THE CHANNEL AND THE NORTH SEA. THE COUNTRIES PROVIDING THESE FORCES ARE AT PRESENT REPRESENTED ON EUROLOG. IT IS OPEN TO OTHER EUROGROUP COUNTRIES TO JOIN EUROLOG WHEN SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO THEM ARE UNDER

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